MESTA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Find **Dates to Remember** on page 4 of this issue!

GET INVOLVED! TRICK OR TREAT, MESTA PARK STYLE by Amy Dalebroux

Halloween is a happening night in Mesta Park! As our neighborhood prepares for its annual Trick or Treat, please consider the following best practices to ensure a fun and safe evening for our neighbors and visitors.

PEDESTRIANS/ TRICK OR TREATERS:

- 1. Before the Halloween festivities begin, plan a way to get home safely at the end of the night. Create a "buddy system" to get each other home safely.
- 2. Expect that drivers will not see you, and wait for them to pass. Walk on sidewalks whenever possible.
- 3. Follow the rules of the road at driveways and intersections. Make sure traffic has stopped or passed before you step in the street. (This is easier to do without the distraction of mobile devices!)
- 4. Make yourself as visible to drivers as possible.

DRIVERS:

- 1. Avoid using mobile devices while driving.
- 2. If you see a drunk driver or reckless driving in the neighborhood, contact local law enforcement.
- 3. Be especially alert for all road users, including pedestrians, at night.
- 4. Slow down in areas where pedestrians are likely to be or where sight distances are limited.

Please contact Holly Jarolim by text 405-413-1991 or email Hollyjarolim@gmail.com to learn more about closing off your East/West Block for Halloween to provide more safety during Trick-or-Treating. She is working with the City of OKC and MPNA to provide assistance to any neighbors desiring a street closure for the day.

Hope everyone has a happy Halloween!

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2021 MESTA FESTA RETURNS TO PERLE MESTA PARK

by David Carlson

The Mesta Park Neighborhood Association is excited to present the 2021 Mesta Festa, which will be held on Sunday, Sept. 26th from 12pm - 6pm at Perle Mesta Park!

Mesta Festa is free and open to the public, and will include outdoor activities, yard games, pop-up booths for shopping, local artists, live music, food trucks, a volleyball tournament, and samplings from many local breweries. To enjoy samples from the participating breweries, a wristband must be purchased from our event table. Wristbands will be sold for \$25 per person. Only those 21 years of age and older with a valid ID may purchase a wristband. Additional items being sold during the event include our 2021 Mesta Festa event t-shirts, past Mesta Festa shirts, and other Mesta Festa merchandise (glassware, totes, koozies, etc.)

Mesta Festa is an integral part of the Mesta Park Neighborhood Association's annual fundraising efforts. As the pandemic continues to limit our fundraising opportunities, it is key for this event to have the support of our neighborhood. Please encourage your neighbors, family, and friends to get out and enjoy a day of fun at the park!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!! To ensure the event is a success and runs smoothly, we need volunteers for event setup, during the event, and breakdown. Please use this <u>link</u> to sign up for a shift.

All volunteers will receive a free event t-shirt and wristband to enjoy the breweries. Also, in accordance with OKC Parks' guidelines, we will ask all volunteers to wear a mask during their shift and when social distancing from others is not possible.

As we continue to see a new spike in positive Covid cases, Mesta Festa organizers are committed to ensuring the health and safety of our participants. Although masks are not required, we will encourage all attendees and vendors to wear a mask, as well as provide disposable masks for use. Also, we plan to utilize every inch of the park so that all pop-up booths, breweries, and activities have plenty of space. We are so thankful to have a beautifully maintained park to allow us room to spread out!

Please stay tuned to our social media pages for additional details. After a virtual Mesta Festa last year, we are thrilled to be returning to the park and can't wait to see everyone in September!

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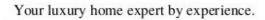
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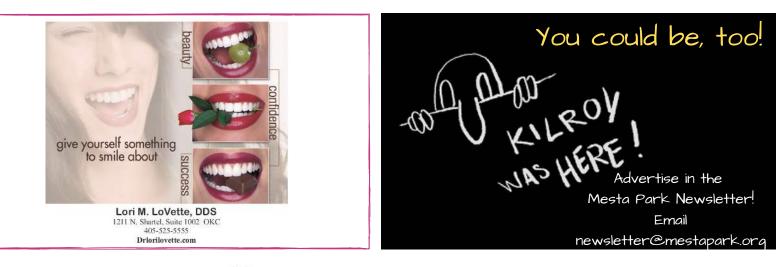


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Halloween Decorating Contest Judging the weekend of October 23rd

Live and In-Person! Sunday, September 26, 12 pm - 6pm Perle Mesta Park See page 2 for more details!

See page 7 for more details and to register

Enter by October 21st!

Watch Mesta Park social media for more details to come on all these events!

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Dear Neighbor,

Mesta Park is a wonderful neighborhood to live in, but WE CANNOT DO IT WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT! To help our neighborhood continue to thrive, we need your voice and input to share ideas about how we can continue to improve the beautiful neighborhood that we all call home.

Beginning in 2021, the MPNA membership system changed to align with the calendar year to make it easier for our members to keep up with their renewals. Current members who joined/renewed in July 2020 or later will automatically remain current through December 2021.

Where do my dues go?

- Contribute to the preservation and enhancement of our neighborhood and local organizations (for example, dues funded volleyball court improvements and sprinkler system installations in 2020)
- Enable the continuation of signature community events like Mesta Festa and the Mesta Park Home Tour
- Provide each member household with one vote at our annual meeting to elect our Board of Directors

How much does membership cost? \$60 annually

Who is eligible to be a member? All residents of Mesta Park

Where do I join or renew?

Using mail-in form on page 8 of this newsletter, or online with a credit/debit card (www.mestapark.org/membership)

THANK YOU to those who renew their membership year after year! If you are not a member: please consider joining the Mesta Park Neighborhood Association. Dues are just \$60 per household each year and help keep Mesta Park one of the most sought-after residential areas in Oklahoma City. To join or renew, simply return the form on page 8 or register and pay online at www.mestapark.org/membership.

MPNA activities & efforts:

- Easter egg hunt (annually around Easter)
- Picnic & election of officers/directors (annually in June)
- Ice cream social (annually each summer)
- Ongoing support to important local organizations

- Mesta Festa (annually in September)
- Mesta Park Home Tour (annually in December)
- Maintain and improve park and medians

Visit our website (www.mestapark.org) for more information about Mesta Park, upcoming events, and our bimonthly newsletter. Questions? E-mail us at www.mestapark.org/contact.

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HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST

Ghosts and witches and creatures of fright! Don't miss the call of Halloween night.

by Jackie Arnold

Come one, COME ALL in the decor of the Season! Join the **Mesta Park Halloween decorating competition**. Do you love Halloween? Do you go all out decorating every year? Join the competition if you dare! Out-BOO your neighbors or nominate a particularly spooky neighbor.

The contest will be a fundraiser for Mesta Park's beautiful and unique light poles. Neighbors must register their home or nominate a neighbor and pay a donation of at least \$25 to be a part of the competition. There are two ways to register. The form is attached to the newsletter below and can be mailed to MPNA P.O. Box 61095, OKC, OK 73146-1095 with a check made out to Mesta Park. Or, an online form and payment can be filled out at <u>www.mestapark.org/events/contest</u>.

Winning categories include Scariest, Best Effects and Best Overall Theme. Winners will receive bragging rights and a fabulous sign to put up in the yard to show off to the hundreds of Halloween trick or treaters we get every year. We are so excited to see you share your wicked ways and talents!

This year's crooked, creepy and catastic categories:

- SCARIEST: Entries will be judged on special effects, and overall sense of fright!
- Best EFFECTS: This category includes special effects, including lights and mechanical effects to surprise and entertain everyone!
- Best OVERALL THEME: Show us a Halloween-based theme that focuses on a spooky topic or genre!

Entry to the competition closes Thursday October 21st at 6pm. Judging for competition will occur over the weekend of the 23rd.

We are nothing short of thrilled to get this competition started and to improve the light poles in our beautiful (but soon to be haunted) neighborhood! For more information please visit <u>www.mestapark.org/events/contest</u> or contact Jackie Arnold via e-mail at Lighting@mestapark.org.

Halloween Decorating Entry Form

Name:	
Address:	
Is this your home::	Name of homeowner (if not you):
Phone number::	Email Address::

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I would also like to donate \$ to help maintain Perle Mesta Park and Shartel Blvd. (mowing, seasonal leaf removal, tree trimming)	Address:
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